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W. W. Holden, Printer to the State.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolution relating to the spread of Small Pox, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the accompanying Bill, and recommend that it do pass.

E. F. WATSON, *Chair. Com.*

A BILL TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE
PEOPLE OF NORTH-CAROLINA AGAINST SMALL
POX.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the*
2 *State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the*
3 *authority of the same,* That the Surgeon General of the
4 State be authorized and empowered to keep constantly
5 on hand, for gratuitous contribution, a supply of genuine
6 vaccine matter.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Surgeon Gen-
2 eral appoint one or more agents (who in every case shall
3 be a Physician) for each county in the State, whose duty
4 it shall be to vaccinate all persons in their respective coun-
5 ties, from the age of six months and upwards, free of
6 charge; to keep an accurate record of the number so vac-
7 cinated; to collect and transmit reliable vaccine matter
8 for the use of the Surgeon General; and to do such other

9 things to prevent the spread of Small Pox among the people, as in the judgment of the Surgeon General may be necessary,—each agent so employed to be removed at the discretion of the Surgeon General, to receive the sum of five dollars *per diem* while actually engaged in the work, and to be exempted from militia duty.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That in the event of the failure of the County Court of any county in which Small Pox may be prevailing, to provide such Hospital accommodations as may be necessary for the treatment of those suffering from the disease, and for the protection of the people against the infection, it shall be the duty of the Surgeon General to adopt the proper measures to secure these most desirable ends.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the Surgeon General shall place upon each regular train of passenger cars running into the State, whenever he may deem it necessary to do so, an agent whose duty it shall be to vaccinate all persons entering the limits of North-Carolina, *free of charge*; to point out all persons infected with Small Pox to the train Conductors, and to keep, for the use of the Surgeon General, an accurate register of the number vaccinated—the said agents to receive five dollars *per diem* and ten cents per mile as traveling expenses, when these expenses are paid by themselves, and to be exempted from militia duty.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That in the event of the calling out of the militia in any county of the State, it shall be the duty of the officer immediately commanding the same, to have every man vaccinated by the agent for the said county, and that in the event of the said officer neglecting to perform this duty, the Governor is hereby authorized to revoke his commission.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the voluntary and wilful transportation by any Railroad Company of any person infected with Small Pox, upon a passenger train, shall be considered a penal offence, and that for every

5 such offence the agent in charge of said train shall be im-
6 prisoned for six months, and the Company subjected to a
7 fine of one thousand dollars—one half to go to the informer
8 and the remainder to the Surgeon General, to be employed
9 by him in carrying out the provisions of this law.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the Surgeon Gen-
2 eral shall draw on the Treasurer for such sums of money
3 as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of
4 this act; *provided*, they do not exceed, in the whole, the
5 sum of annually.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That this Bill shall be in
2 force from the day and date of its ratification.

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